COUNCIL COMMUNICATION | Number: | 21-190 | Meeting: | May 10, 2021 | | Agenda Item: | 44D | Roll Call: | 21-0721 | | Submitted by: | Dana Wingert, Chief of Police;

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to purchase 14 Panasonic Toughbook brand ruggedized tablets for use in Police Department vehicles from Keltek Inc. (205 N. High Street, Baxter, Iowa, 50028, Kelly Milligan, President/CEO), under the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) contract number MNWNC-124.

SYNOPSIS:

The Police and Information Technology Departments recommend approval for the purchase of 14 Panasonic Toughbook brand ruggedized tablets, along with ancillary hardware, to replace mobile data computers, which reached the end of useful life. The tablets will provide data and communication capabilities within the Police Department vehicles.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$53,671

Funding Source: 911 Reimbursement (PD222377) FY 2021 Adopted Operating Budget, Page 193.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Police and Information Technology Departments conducted a thorough analysis of available ruggedized tablet from different providers. The analysis included failure rate, battery life, drop test ratings, along with numerous other specifications, and it was determined that the best product to meet the needs of the department was the Panasonic CF33RE. The tablets will be purchased in increments to enable the Police Department to fully utilize the benefits of the product warranty and will replace mobile data computers, which have reached the end of their useful life. A few of the current mobile data computers will be retained to serve in a training and/or as an emergency back-up capacity.
- The Panasonic CF33RE is available under the NASPO contract number MNWNC-124. This allows the City to purchase the equipment from a contract that was established by a prior bid process.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 7, 2015

Roll Call Number: 15-2068

Action: Bids from the following:

(B) <u>Keltek</u> Inc. (Kelly Milligan, Owner) for one hundred and thirty (130) replacement rugged laptop computers for use by the Police Department, \$455,680. (Eight potential bidders, two received). (Council Communication No. 15-632) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Cownie.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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